

**THE REFERENCE REACH FIELD BOOK**

**Stream Channel Classification ( Level II )** ○○○○

Stream NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Basin NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage AREA: \_\_\_\_\_ Ac. \_\_\_\_\_ SqMi.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Twp: \_\_\_\_\_ Rge: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Qtr: \_\_\_\_\_ Lat. \_\_\_\_\_ Long. \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  

**Bankfull WIDTH (  $W_{bkf}$  )** \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

Width of the stream channel at the bankfull stage elevation.

**Mean DEPTH (  $D_{bkf}$  )** \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

Mean depth of the stream channel cross-section at the bankfull stage elevation.

**Width / Depth RATIO (  $W / D$  )** \_\_\_\_\_

Bankfull width divided by bankfull mean depth.

**Maximum DEPTH (  $D_{mbkf}$  )** \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

Maximum depth of the bankfull channel cross-section, or distance between the bankfull stage and thalweg elevations.

**Flood-Prone Area WIDTH (  $W_{fpa}$  )** \_\_\_\_\_ Ft.

Twice maximum depth, or (  $2 \times D_{mbkf}$  ) = the stage/elevation at which flood-prone area width is determined.

**Entrenchment Ratio ( ER )** \_\_\_\_\_

The ratio of flood-prone area width divided by bankfull channel width:  $W_{fpa} / W_{bkf}$

**Channel Materials (Particle Size Index) D50** \_\_\_\_\_ mm.

The D50 particle size index represents the mean diameter of channel materials, as sampled from the channel surface, between the bankfull stage and thalweg elevations

**Water Surface SLOPE ( S )** \_\_\_\_\_ Ft./Ft.

Channel Slope = "rise" over "run" for a reach approximately 20 - 30 bankfull channel widths in length, with the "riffle to riffle" water surface slope representing the gradient at bankfull stage.

**Channel SINUOSITY (  $S_c$  )** \_\_\_\_\_

Sinuosity is an index of channel pattern, determined from a ratio of stream length divided by valley length (  $SL / VL$  ); or estimated from a ratio of valley slope divided by channel slope (  $VS / S$  )

**Stream Type**

*For reference, note:  
p184, Stream Type Chart  
p185, Classification Key*

## and REFERENCE REACH Summary Data

Channel DIMENSION

Pool Depth (dp)	Ft.	Pool Width (Wp)	Ft.	Pool(xs)Area: (Ap)	SqFt.
Riffle Depth (dr)	Ft.	Riffle Width (Wr)	Ft.	Riffle(xs)Area: (Ar)	SqFt.
Ratio: POOL Depth / RIFFLE Depth:				( dp / dr )	
Ratio: POOL Width / RIFFLE Width:				( Wp / Wr )	
Ratio: POOL Area / RIFFLE Area:				( Ap / Ar )	
Ratio: Max. Pool Depth / Mean Bankfull Depth ( $d_{bkt}$ ):				( $d_{p_{max}} / d_{bkt}$ )	
Ratio: Lowest Bank Height / Max. Bankfull Depth ( $d_{mbkt}$ ):				( $BH_{low} / d_{mbkt}$ )	
Streamflow: Estimated Mean Velocity ( u ) @ Bankfull Stage					Ft./Sec.
Streamflow: Estimated Discharge ( Q ) @ Bankfull Stage					CFS

Channel PATTERN

Meander Length ( $L_M$ )	Ft.	Radius of Curvature ( $R_C$ )	Ft.
Belt Width ( $W_{BLT}$ )	Ft.	Meander Width RATIO ( $MWR = W_{BLT} / W_{BKF}$ ):	
RATIO: Radius of Curvature / Bankfull Width ( $R_C / W_{BKF}$ )			
RATIO: Meander Length / Bankfull Width ( $L_M / W_{BKF}$ )			

Channel PROFILE

Valley Slope	Ft./Ft.	Ave. Water Surface Slope	Ft./Ft.
Riffle Slope	Ft./Ft.	Pool Slope	Ft./Ft.
Pool to Pool Spacing	Ft.	Pool Length	Ft./Ft.
RATIO: Riffle Slope / Average Water Surface Slope			
RATIO: Pool Slope / Average Water Surface Slope			
RATIO: Run Slope / Average Water Surface Slope			
RATIO: Glide Slope / Average Water Surface Slope			
RATIO: Run Depth / Mean Depth-Bankfull			
RATIO: Glide Depth / Mean Depth - Bankfull			
RATIO: Pool Length / Bankfull Width			
RATIO: Pool to Pool Spacing / Bankfull Width			

Channel MATERIALS

% Sand & <	D16	mm
% Gravel	D35	mm
% Cobble	D50	mm
% Boulder	D84	mm
% Bedrock	D95	mm

TABLE 5-3. Reference reach field data form for stream classification.

<b>REFERENCE REACH</b> FIELD FORM <b>STREAM CHANNEL CLASSIFICATION LEVEL II</b>	<b>STREAM TYPE:</b> _____
STREAM NAME: _____ DRAINAGE AREA: _____ BASIN NAME: _____	
OBSERVERS: _____ DATE: _____	
LOCATION: _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____ Sec. _____ Qtr. _____	
Bankfull WIDTH _____ Ft. ( $W_{bf}$ )    Bankfull MAX> DEPTH _____ Ft. ( $d_{max}$ )    Channel SLOPE _____ Ft/Ft    % Bankfull Mean DEPTH _____ Ft. ( $d_{bm}$ )    Flood Prone Area WIDTH _____ Ft. ( $W_{FP}$ )    Valley SLOPE _____ Ft/Ft    % WIDTH/DEPTH Ratio _____    ENTRENCHMENT Ratio _____    SINUOSITY (Stream Dist/Valley Dist.) _____ Channel MATERIALS: (Pebble Count)    D15 _____ mm    D50 _____ mm    D84 _____ mm    D95 _____ mm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center; line-height: 150px;">photo</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; text-align: center; line-height: 150px;">photo</div>